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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my support for Nicholas Ali's recent article, "*Sagittal plane body kinematics and kinetics during single-leg landing from increasing vertical heights and horizontal distances: Implications for risk of non-contact ACL injury*" from *The Knee*. I feel that this paper is well written and that the study is nicely designed to test the effects of increasing height and distance on single-leg landings. The use of subjects as their own controls increases the power of the study, as demonstrated by the very low p-values. I have also briefly reviewed three other peer-reviewed publications by Mr. Ali based on his work as a PhD student, two reviews and an extension of the work presented in *Knee* but with musculoskeletal modeling and a gender comparison. I believe they all make contributions to the ACL injury literature.

It is quite an accomplishment for a PhD student to get his work published before graduation, and the fact that four manuscripts were reviewed by panels of peer-reviewers and found to be acceptable for publication speaks highly of his productivity and future potential. I look forward to seeing his work in the future, as I hope he is able to move musculoskeletal modeling forward in the directions he has proposed in his two review articles.

Sincerely,

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